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Taylor presses for election withdrawal



EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

Chad Taylor requested to have his name removed from the ballot for the Kansas U.S. Senate seat.

BY ADAM MCKINNEY
THE COLLEGIAN

Secretary of State Kris Kobach announced last week that Democrat Chad Taylor's name will remain on the ballot, despite Taylor's formal withdrawal from the U.S. Senate race in Kansas. Kobach, who endorsed Sen. Pat Roberts in the primary, argued that Taylor failed to meet a requirement

of Kansas law to declare he would be "incapable" of performing the job if elected.

"While there's always a small risk of preferential interpretation in cases where the Secretary of State is of the same party as someone who could possibly benefit from the outcome, I feel that Kris Kobach's decision to keep Taylor on the ballot is one that is accurate and in line with the statute," Kyle Klucas, junior in political science, said. "Taylor failed to

publicly declare he was incapable of fulfilling his post as democratic nominee, a key tenet of the law."

The statute being referenced is KSA 25-306b(b), which states:

"Any person who has been nominated by any means for any national, state, county or township office who declares that they are incapable of fulfilling the duties of office if elected may cause such person's name to be withdrawn

from nomination by a request in writing, signed by the person and acknowledged before an officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds ..."

Attorney Doug Mataconis wrote in a Christian Science Monitor article entitled, "The Kansas Senate race is just getting weirder," that he believes the decision has serious implications for the Senate race and could change the narrative of the midterms. Democrats hoped Taylor's withdrawal would bolster support for Independent challenger Greg Orman.

Kansas may be instrumental in securing the Grand Old Party's six Senate seats needed for a takeover. This is not lost on national Republicans and the National Senate Republican Committee, which took control of Robert's campaign immediately following Taylor's announcement. The Associated Press observed Tuesday that Robert's campaign has been "retooled," including appointment of new campaign manager Corry Bliss and the assistance of veteran political strategist Chris LaCivita.

Since the primary election, Orman has spent over \$900,000 on television advertisement, while Roberts has not aired a single television commercial. This will certainly change.

"If he (Taylor) can't get his name off the ballot, then splitting the ticket with Taylor is really going to determine how Orman's campaign turns out," Michael Mays, senior in political science and statistics, said.

It remains to be seen how significantly Taylor's inclusion on the ballot would affect the Senate race, but according to kansas.com, Taylor filed a petition last Tuesday with the Kansas Supreme Court, challenging the decision. Following the filing of the petition, Kobach attempted to shift the case away from the Supreme Court to Shawnee County — the Supreme Court did decide to hear the case anyway.

According to kansascity.com, the court date has been set for 9 a.m. today.

Local talking points

BY KELSEY KENDALL
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Private gifts to universities growing

As state support for higher education shrinks, private donations are on the rise according to the Kansas City Star. The University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Missouri, University of Kansas and K-State have all had a record-breaking year in donations accepted.

Fred Cholick, president and chief executive officer of the K-State Foundation, told Kansas City Star that universities are relying more on philanthropic dollars than before. In the past, with more state support, these donations would have just been "icing on the cake" according to Cholick. Now, they are a major part of universities' budgets.

A major contributor to the rise in donations is the improved economy, according to Dale Seufferling, president of the KU Endowment. In the last 20 years, donations to higher education rose until the 2007-08 fiscal year, when the trend took a sudden drop due to the recession. Since 2011, giving to higher education has made a comeback.

K-State received the largest donation in the school's history from the Jack Vanier family of \$60 million in the past fiscal year. Two-thirds of the donation are going to students, faculty and facilities while the rest will be for athletics and the Bill Snyder Family Stadium master plan, according to the Kansas City Star.

Riley County, K-State Police implementing body-worn cameras

In early November, the Riley County and the K-State police departments will use body-worn cameras for their officers. Capt. Tim Hegarty of the RCPD told the Topeka Capital-Journal that the cameras are not a response to any specific incident. Hegarty said he believes that the use of the cameras will help the public trust the police department more and make officers more aware of their interactions with the public.

The RCPD began testing TASER International cameras earlier this summer and were pleased with the results. The 11 cameras, totaling \$43,000 to be paid over five years, were bought after the successful field test.

K-State Police is implementing the cameras along with the RCPD, but is using a different program that more so fits the department's needs. Campus police already have five cameras they are testing.

Hegarty said the RCPD will not be recording every citizen-officer interaction, but will use the cameras whenever there might be a complaint or if there is a crime occurring.

Riley County initiates online crime reporting

A year after the launch of the RCPD website, its online crime reporting service is operational. According to rileycountypolice.org, online crime reporting will be easier on both the public and officers, and will focus on crimes such as property damage under \$1,000, theft under \$1,000, identity theft and more. Anything involving a weapon, evidence, suspects, injury or emergencies will still have an officer on scene and will not be reported online.

People can report crimes from their phone, though they must have an email address and Internet access to use this service.

Commuters, pedestrians need to be more aware of road rules

CHLOE CREAGER
THE COLLEGIAN

As a freshman hailing from a town with approximately 500 people, one of the biggest changes I've had to deal with is the massive amount of traffic. I assumed that, with as many vehicles and bicycles that fill the streets on a daily basis, that others would be as hyper vigilant as I am.

This is not the case. In Manhattan, people often cross the road without actually

checking for vehicles or waiting for them to stop. While it is true that pedestrians usually have the right of way, particularly on college campuses, this practice can be extremely risky.

In 2012, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Traffic Safety Facts reported 4,743 pedestrian fatalities in traffic crashes nationwide — which averages one pedestrian killed every two hours and injured every seven minutes. It is estimated by the NHTSA that 76,000 pedestrians were injured in these crashes.

The number of pedestrian fatalities has steadily risen over the past four years, and accounted for 14 percent of crash-related deaths in 2012, according to the NHTSA.

Bicyclists, defined as riders of non-motorized vehicles powered solely by pedaling, have seen a similar increase in fatalities. According to the NHTSA, 726

bicyclist fatalities were reported in 2012, resulting in 2.2 percent of the total fatalities. The number of annual bicyclist fatalities has increased consistently over the past three years.

Despite these increases, the overall number of traffic fatalities had decreased by nearly 10,000 annual fatalities since 2003, according to the NHTSA. The legal resources website HG.org cited that the majority of these accidents were caused by driver negligence or inattentiveness, which is caused by engaging in activities such as cellphone usage, eating while driving or any other distracting activity. Aggressive driving is another common cause of vehicle accidents.

With these statistics in mind, it becomes clear that all pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers need to tune in to their surroundings better. Pedestrians and cyclists

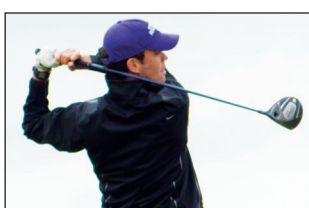
need to be observant and cautious when crossing streets or otherwise interacting with motor vehicles. Drivers, on the other hand, need to focus solely on driving while they are behind the wheel.

When we were young, most of us probably had sayings like, "look before you cross the street," or, "stop, look and listen," drilled into our heads by our parents and teachers. Unfortunately, by the time students reach college, it seems this safety rule has been forgotten, or at least disregarded.

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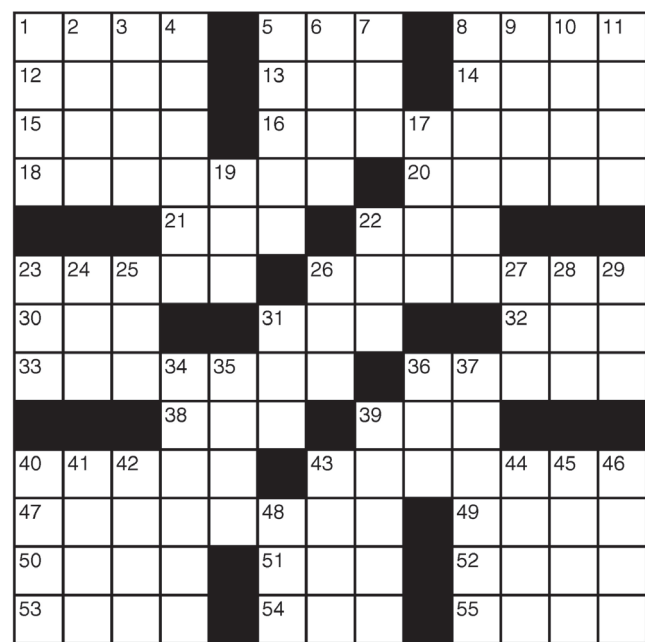
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ARREST REPORTS

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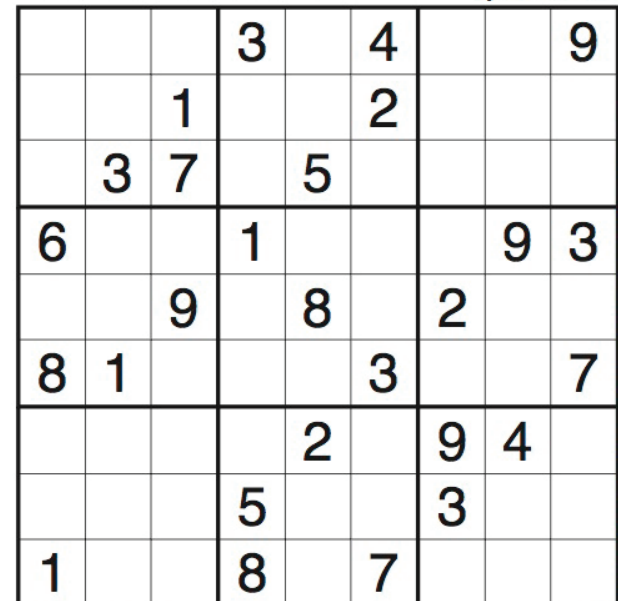
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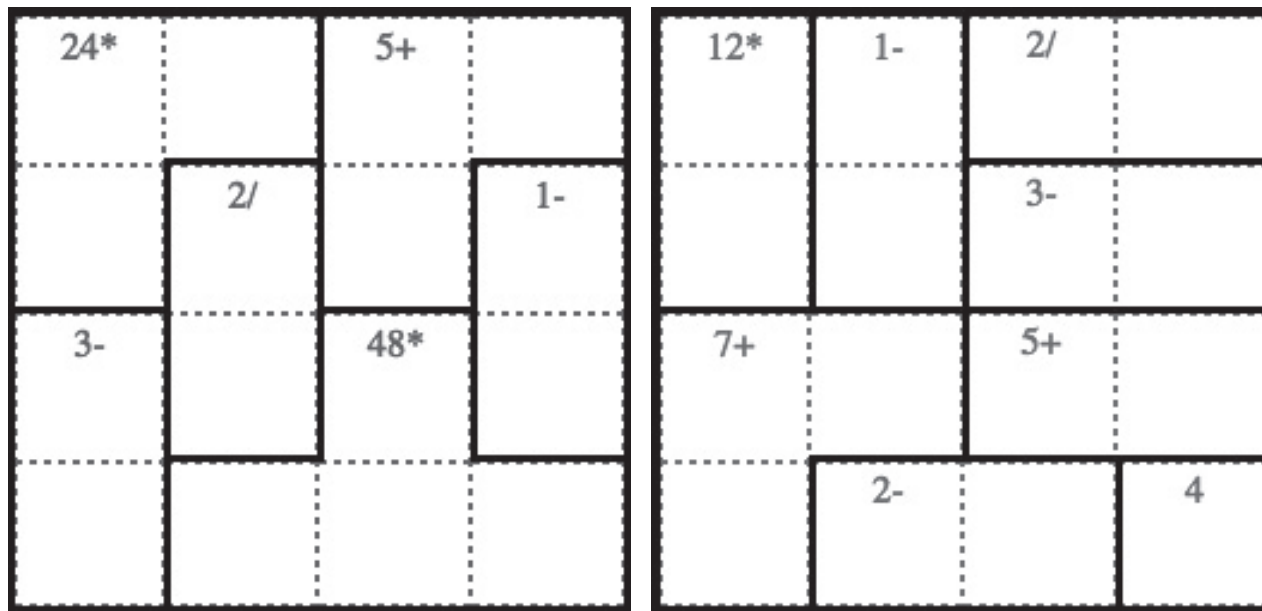
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Getting the lead out ... of public land

By JAMES COPELAND
THE COLLEGIAN

Lead. Atomic number 82. A scary, misunderstood, element that evokes fear at the mention of its name, as evidenced by a recent USA Today article.

Lead is a naturally occurring element found in the Earth's crust that's been mined for thousands of years. If you've ever fired a gun, had an X-ray taken or used practically any battery powered device, you've been around lead. Modern society cannot function without it.

I've been around lead all my life. I've melted it to make bullets and slingshot ammunition, and was exposed to it on hunting trips and at the shooting range. I've visited southeastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma and stood on top of chat piles full of lead and zinc ore from defunct mining operations that rise up hundreds of feet above the surface.

So, I'm fairly familiar with this stuff.

The USA Today article bemoaned the risk of lead exposure in children and pregnant women who live near a long-closed lead factory in Philadelphia. Now, there is no doubt that lead can cause some serious health problems if not handled correctly. So can asbestos. So can electricity. So can water.

USA Today has interviewed numerous residents in the contaminated areas, many of whom have lived near the factories all their lives. These people talk about coming in contact with huge mounds of lead and breathing in lead particles from smokestacks and vents. These are the same individuals who were exposed to lead paint and leaded gasoline, and these people don't appear mentally handicapped in any way. They are functioning, productive members of society. But they have supposedly absorbed huge amounts of lead in their youth.

When I read the article, I was a little skeptical. Lead tends to cause hysteria in society, and this is further propagated by the media. Upon further investigation, I soon realized that this article was only the tip of the iceberg. USA Today is producing a series of articles called "Ghost Factories - Poison in the

Ground," which deals mainly with lead contamination in the soil around former lead processing plants. These factories, now mostly long gone, deposited lead and other heavy metals in the top few centimeters of soil.

Lead is a neurotoxin, meaning it mainly affects the nervous system. Lead is blamed for causing reduced intelligence and attention disorders if ingested. The key word here is ingested. Lead doesn't bother you unless it enters your bloodstream. It won't somehow soak into your skin through water. You have to either eat, drink or inhale something that contains lead particles.

In the case of the Philadelphia factory, children are assumed to be at a higher risk for lead exposure because of the ground-level contamination. Yes, children are in the habit of playing in the dirt, which in its own sense is very healthy. Eating dirt, on the other hand, is not terribly healthy. This is how these children can ingest lead.

Since I've worked with lead a fair amount, I am familiar with the safety precautions associated with its use. Here's the biggest one: wash your hands. Children should wash their hands before they eat anyway. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health confirms if children wash their hands properly, they can greatly reduce their potential exposure if they live in a lead-rich environment.

According to a World Health Organization publication, "There is no doubt that lead effects on the brain are much more commonly associated with childhood lead poisoning than with poisoning as it is seen in adults. But, it is also possible that these differences are related to the intensity of exposure at the time the cases are identified rather than to any difference in inherent sensitivity."

In the previously mentioned article, USA Today claims that "37 percent of pregnant women living at properties with contaminated soil around the John T. Lewis site may be exposed to lead levels high enough for their developing fetuses to have concerning levels of toxic metal."

My question is, how are these pregnant women going to be exposed to lead-contaminated soil? Pregnant women do sometimes develop strange food cravings, but they aren't lining up along back alleys shoving dirt into their mouths with



Illustration by Taylor Shanklin

any frequency.

Furthermore, according to the World Health Organization, "the presence of high concentrations of lead is not necessarily hazardous. Thus, children living on soils containing lead levels of up to 8000 mg/kg showed only minimal elevations in blood-lead concentration."

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control has recently lowered the acceptable blood lead level to a mere 5 micrograms per deciliter or lower, half of the previous amount

that triggered medical monitoring. Perry Gottesfeld, executive director of a California-based nonprofit group called Occupational Knowledge International, takes it even further, saying, "Any lead is too much lead."

The CDC recommends showering and changing clothes after working with lead-based products.

So what is USA Today's solution to this problem? Many of its articles are calling for more government regulation and stricter

environmental standards from the Environmental Protection Agency.

My solution? Stop worrying and wash your hands.

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From the President's Desk



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PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow K-Staters,

Congratulations to our K-State volleyball team as they picked up their seventh-straight win and won first place in the Saluki Invitational on Saturday. I know this is a big week for many students, faculty and staff as we all prepare to cheer on the Cats on Thursday as Auburn comes to Bill Snyder Family Stadium. I hope you all will join Cody

and I in being respectful to all the visitors in town for the game.

We're excited to announce that today, the first ever K-State Tutoring website was launched. This is the first step in one of our campaign platform initiatives, Your Education. This all-in-one website will make it easy for students to find the tutoring services they need.

The implementation of

OrgSync has been going smoothly - so far, more than 350 student organizations are on board. We'll continue to promote this awesome new platform and help students get the most out of using it. If you or your organization would like some help with the program, contact organizational outreach coordinators Sarah Truman (sat5555@k-state.edu) and Lizzy Petite (eap14@k-state.edu).

We've also been hard at work on our Your Life platform, and we're confident that we'll have a medical amnesty policy in place on campus this fall. We've had productive meetings with the K-State Police Department, Riley County Police Department and the Riley County Prosecutor's Office, Riley County EMS and other key stakeholders. Once a policy is enacted at K-State, we'll shift our focus to the state

level. We want students at K-State and at other Kansas universities to be comfortable alerting the proper authorities when a friend has had too much to drink.

Have a great week, and as always, Go Cats!

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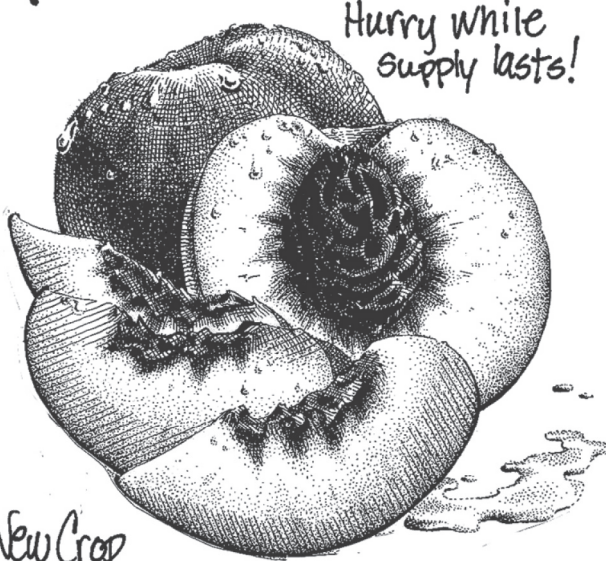
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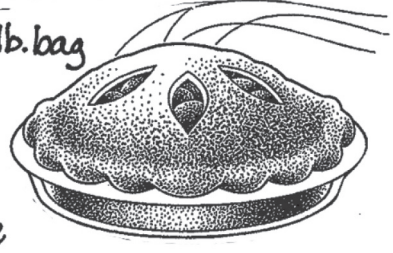
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Health above all

A woman's perspective on valuing health over weight

By ERIN POPPE
THE COLLEGIAN

I'm about to do something very vulnerable; between my research and reflections, I'm sure there is something here someone could take offense to. But, before you read on, there's two things you should know about me that may shape the way you interpret this article: First, at 5 feet 4 inches, I weigh approximately 115 pounds.

Second, I'd like to share that I love my body.

For years, I struggled to appreciate what I saw in the mirror. I felt guilty that others were put out by my frame, and confused when people told me I didn't need to watch what I ate – so long as I was eating.

But you know, skinny doesn't equal healthy.

In our culture, it's become appropriate to make judgmental comments about someone's body in guise of concern: "Do you even eat?" "You have no real reason to have body image issues" and "Do you have an eating disorder?" are some statements I related to from Lara Parker's and Javier Moreno's Buzzfeed article, "19 Things Every Naturally Skinny Person Is Tired Of Hearing."

Over time, these comments (directed at anyone of any size) can cause a person to feel alienated and shameful for who they are. However, there was one phrase from the list that struck me harder than the

others.

There, at number 15, I read: "It'll catch up with you one day."

What will catch up with me won't be my weight, though. No, it'll probably be diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure or a slew of other health issues associated with being thin – several of which run parallel to the problems connected to being overweight, according to a March Time article "The Hidden Dangers of 'Skinny Fat.'"

Being thin yet unhealthy is not uncommon. Naturally thin people might indulge in fast food and skip the gym, thinking they can get away with it because they've been misinformed from a young age that they can. No matter the number on the scale, however, factors such as increased intake of bad cholesterol can cause harm from the inside.

Thinner people might also skip out on the check-ups that can detect serious medical problems because they believe they're in good shape.

"I see these people all the time," said Dr. Daniel Neides, medical director at Cleveland Clinic's Wellness Institute, in the Time article. "On the outside they look incredibly healthy, but on the inside they're a wreck."

There is a growingly popular term for the people Neides described: "skinny fat." They are the individuals that never eat vegetables, love red meat and can't remember the last time they exercised – yet

they're still thin.

But don't be envious of those who don't count calories or think twice about eating McDonalds for breakfast. Skinny fat is a real, and remarkably common, issue that can have life-changing consequences.

Healthy aging specialist Oz Garcia, in his article "Being thin isn't the same as being healthy," recounted such an experience when a client of his discovered he had developed Type 2 diabetes.

"A few years ago, one of my thinner clients who looked externally healthful came to me for a consultation after she had been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes," Garcia said. "Rightfully, she was nervous and confused and couldn't understand how she had developed this disease, she thought only 'fat' people were diagnosed with these types of conditions. When asked if she exercised, she shook her head, stating that she had never really had to think about exercising or eating healthy, that she had always been lucky to have such a great metabolism."

This laissez-faire mentality naturally thinner people have is a fault of our weight-obsessed culture and it is also one I've shared. For a long time I allowed myself to think that so long as what I ate didn't show up on the scale, I could do and consume whatever I wanted.

Then I started to realize that, compared to my friends, I was incredibly unhealthy. When they wanted to run a mile, I begged for them to

power-walk so I could keep up and breathe. While they made themselves dinners that included every food group, I was eating Chipotle and drinking my fourth Diet Coke of the day.

It wasn't until a friend pointed out how terribly I was treating myself that I realized I needed to make a change, and fast. Nowadays, I walk to school rather than drive five blocks and fit in a work out when I can. I eat meals that include protein and vitamins I would have normally taken a supplement for. I drink a bottle of water in-between each caffeinated beverage – though I try to stick to just one Diet Coke a day.

Like I said before, I love my body. I love it not for its size, but for the fact that it's a work-in-progress towards a healthier me. With every work out and balanced meal, I see a stronger woman in the mirror instead of a feeble girl.

So whether you think you're too heavy or too lean, focus on being healthy instead. Let your lifestyle choices, not the number on the scale, define you.

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A man's perspective at the importance of being healthy over appearing healthy

By IAN BOWER
THE COLLEGIAN

As a kinesiology major, I get asked a lot of questions from friends about the "best way to get ripped," or "the easiest way to get a six-pack before spring break," or a thousand other questions that seem to be guided by the overall principle of, "What can I do to make myself look muscular?"

Unfortunately, I have never been asked, "How do I make myself healthier?" That speaks volumes about my misplaced values as a society.

I believe we have made some very positive strides in the last year or two regarding issues relating to women's body image and its relation to self-worth. While there is still much progress to be made, movements such as Dove's "Real Beauty" campaign are gradually chipping away at the archaic view that one particular body size or type is superior and anything that varies from that is subpar.

However, in my experience, that ancient view of the "one, ideal body" is still held as gospel for men.

To provide a reference

point for my view, I'm 5 feet and 9 inches, and weigh approximately 150 pounds. I am built like a runner, through and through. As a kid, I was always one of the thinnest – if not the thinnest – of my friends. It wasn't until my senior year of high school, after three years of lifting weights for track and cross country, that you couldn't see all of my ribs.

I've received comments my whole life about my weight, both positive and negative. They have ranged from people complimenting me on looking "trim" to being made fun of for being bony. The insults are what struck me more at the time, as anyone who has been harassed for their size can relate to.

Looking back, I realize now that the compliments I received show just as much about our views on health and body image. Just like my friends never ask me for advice on how they can be healthier, no one ever seemed to comment or care about how my habits – whether eating or exercising – were affecting my health. All this did was further emphasize the value that I, as an adolescent, placed on my appearance over my actual health. If no one else cared about my health because I was

thin, why should I?

We are taught, from a very young age, to view only certain body types as "healthy" or "unhealthy." We are taught that if you are muscular and thin, you must be healthy; if you are bigger than that, you are not. We learn that you are only healthy when your physical appearance reflects it in the ways that our society deems attractive for men.

However, a person's appearance is not directly correlated to their health. A very muscular person that achieved his physique through the use of unhealthy, poorly-researched supplements instead of a balanced diet wouldn't be considered healthy by any professional, despite his outward appearance. The same professional would never consider him healthier than an "average Joe" that (though his body doesn't look necessarily special and might even be slightly overweight) runs, lifts weights often and makes sure to carefully monitor what he eats.

On paper, this is an easy conclusion to draw. However, there is often a disconnect in society when it comes to what we say and what we actually believe about the relationship between body image and health. If you search the term

"healthy man" on Google, you'll find screen after screen of thin men. Search "unhealthy man" and it pulls up larger men.

While a quick Google images search is far from comprehensive research, it does show what our bias as a society tends to be when it comes to the relationship between body image and health.

If we are going to fix these issues that are holding many people back from achieving their healthiest and fullest lives, we need to change what we place value on and how we view beauty as a society. If we can shift our focus away from how exercise and dieting affect our appearance, and instead focus on how it makes us healthier, we will all reap the benefits. This shifts the importance from the outside and what others think of us, to the inside and how we feel about and see ourselves.

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Wildcat golf teams deal with bad weather, good competition

BY AUSTIN EARL
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After winning the season's opening tournament, the K-State women's golf team struggled early in Albuquerque. They are currently

in ninth place and 19-over par. The tournament was suspended in the late stages of the second round due to severe weather. The team is only eight strokes back from California, who sits in fourth.

Sophomore Madison Talley has been the bright spot for the Wildcats. She is in

12th through 16 holes in the second round. She played the course even in her first round and is just 1-over par in the second round.

Freshman Chandler Gallagher could not duplicate the great rounds she put together last week. Gallagher had an 80 in the first round and is at 73 strokes with three holes left in the second round. She currently sits in 80th with three holes remaining.

The Wildcat women have three players tied in the tournament. Freshman Connie Jaffrey, sophomore Katherine Gravel-Coursol and senior Olivia Eliasson all are in 39th.

The K-State men are in seventh place going into the final round of the Saint Mary's Invitational. They are within striking distance of second place, trailing San Diego by 10 strokes. Saint Mary's sits in first place at 6-under par.

Sophomore Matt Green was easily the Wildcats' best player on Monday. Green is tied for eighth after two rounds and is 2-under par. He is only five strokes back from Mathias Dahl of San Diego, who is in first place.

Fellow sophomores Hank Simpson and Seth Smith played within one stroke of each other. Simpson is at 3-over par with a 147. He is tied for 27th going into the final round. Smith was just one stroke behind him, tied for 33rd place.

Freshman Trent Evans and sophomore Connor Knabe rounded out the scorecard for the Wildcats. Knabe shot a 153 in his two rounds, which left him in 59th place. Evans had a 155 for the team and tied for 67th.



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Junior **Matt Green** watches his shot during practice last Friday.

Jackrabbits next for Zumach, K-State volleyball team today

BY TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

As K-State continues to roar through their nonconference schedule, Kylee Zumach continues to build an impressive freshman resume.

The 6-foot-4-inch outside hitter was named Big 12 freshman of the week in back-to-back weeks and will look to guide the Wildcats (9-1) past South Dakota State (4-7) prior to this weekend's final nonconference competition at Michigan.

Zumach is the first Wildcat since Kaitlynn Pelger – and the third player in program history – to have this honor in consecutive weeks.

Along with Angie Lastra (Nov. 5 and 12 in 2007), the trio of current and former Wildcats are the only three players to ever win consecutive weekly honors.

The Buffalo, Minnesota native ranks first among Big 12 rookies and second overall in the conference, with a average of 3.88 kills and 4.41 points per set in the past four matches.

"Zumach played extremely well," Coach Suzie Fritz said of her freshman outside hitter, after last weekend's sweep of the Saluki Invitational. "She had some kills when we really needed them and did well in both good situations and bad situations. She managed the ball when she couldn't get a good swing and killed it when she could."

The Wildcats are coming off a productive week which included their first true home win against Missouri State, and the sweep of the Saluki Invitational in Carbondale, Illinois.

K-State won against Marshall in four sets, host school Southern Illinois in a sweep and IPFW in four sets.

K-State started the season on a roll with its first five wins of the season coming as sweeps. Since then, the Wildcats have only had one

sweep, but the coaches see that as good preparation for the grind of conference play.

"Sometimes playing long is good because it teaches us that we are going to have to grind it out," Fritz said following K-State's 3-1 win over Marshall. "Long term, today's match is a good one for us to be in because it had tight sets where you can't do anything to hurt yourselves; you're just looking to improve the situation that you can control."

Sophomore setter Katie Brand was named tournament MVP in Carbondale, averaging roughly 13.5 assists per set and had two different games ending in a double-double with assist and digs.

Sophomore outside hitter Brooke Sassin and sophomore libero Kersten Kober were both named to the All-Tournament team. This was Sassin's second all-tournament honor and Kober's first. Sassin had 49 kills throughout the three matches and Kober had double-digit digs in each match in the tournament.

The Wildcats received votes in this week's AVCA Division I coach's poll and unofficially lands them in the 31st spot. Texas and Kansas are the only two Big 12 teams ranked ahead of Fritz's squad.

It was the first time this season that the Wildcats have garnered any votes (23) in the poll.

South Dakota State comes into the Little Apple winning one of their last seven matches. All seven of those matches were at home.

The Jackrabbits offense has been sluggish as of late. In their last four matches prior to today, they are only averaging 10.5 kills per set and a hitting percentage of .177 percent.

South Dakota State is led by sophomore middle block Tiara Gibson, who tops her team in kills and blocks with 82 kills and 36 blocks.

The Jackrabbits are also led by junior middle blocker Wagner Larson who has 67 kills on the season to go along with .256 hitting percentage.



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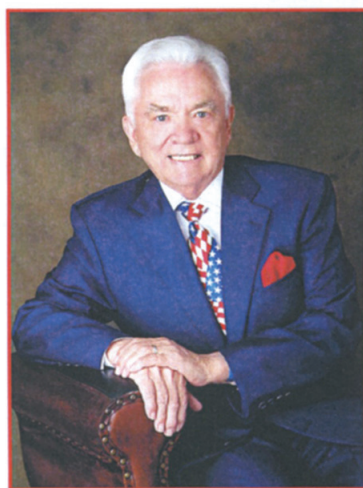
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